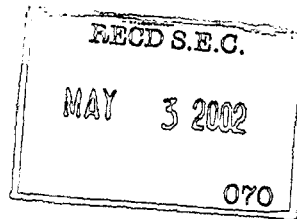


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Washington, DC 20549

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO
RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934**



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For the month of May 2002

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the
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Yes ☐ No ☒



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COPEL TO LIST ON LATIBEX

Curitiba, Brazil, April 30, 2002 - Companhia Paranaense de Energia - COPEL (NYSE: ELP) announced today the Company's plans to list on Latibex.

The Board of Directors, in their 51st Extraordinary Meeting on April 19, 2002, approved Copel's plans to list the Company's common and preferred shares on the Latibex Exchange in Spain. Thus, Copel is currently taking the necessary steps to make the listing possible.

According to Ricardo Portugal Alves, Copel's CFO, "the listing is a significant step for Copel as it makes the company more accessible to its current and potential European shareholders."

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COMPANHIA PARANAENSE DE ENERGIA - COPEL

Date: May 3, 2002

By

Name: Ricardo Portugal Alves

Title: Principal Financial Officer